

Curriculum reform consultation

30 April – 24 July 2009

Updated non-statutory guidance on
religious education questionnaire

Thank you for your participation.

When you have completed this survey, please email it to info@qca.org.uk, or post to:
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Thank you for your interest in participating in the curriculum reform consultation.

We will now ask you for some contact information and personal data (ethnicity, disability, belief etc) to meet our legal requirement to monitor equalities.

We may use the information collected here to contact you:

- with further questions about the consultation
- if we need to clarify your responses
- to tell you about the findings of the consultation
- about similar consultation exercises in the future, and
- to give you information about other QCA activities such as conferences.

We will also use this information to check that the consultation is representative.

This information will be kept strictly confidential. The analysis of responses will be carried out by an external organisation. This organisation must comply with the Data Protection Act in its handling of personal data and will only process personal data on instructions from QCA.

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Your name and contact details:

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Who you represent:

In which capacity are you responding to this consultation? Please tick one box only:

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| Learner | <input type="checkbox"/> | Governor | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Local authority representative | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> | Employer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Headteacher | <input type="checkbox"/> | Member of the wider education community | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Member of the wider school workforce | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other Trade Union | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you are a teacher or headteacher, governor or member of the wider school workforce, what is the name and postcode of your school?

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| School | Postcode |
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If you are a local authority representative, what is the name of your local authority?

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| Local Authority | |
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Are you responding to this consultation as an individual or as an organisation? Please tick one box only:

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| As an individual | <input type="checkbox"/> | As an organisation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | If an organisation, approximately how many people are in the organisation? | 38000 |
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If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, what is the name of your organisation?

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| Voice: the union for education professionals |
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Equality monitoring:

What is your gender? Please tick one box only:

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| Female | <input type="checkbox"/> | Male | <input type="checkbox"/> | Prefer not to say | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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What is your ethnic origin? Please tick one box only:

| White | | Asian/Asian British | |
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| White British | <input type="checkbox"/> | Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| White Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pakistani | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Any other White background, write in | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bangladeshi | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Any other Asian background, write in | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mixed/multiple ethnic groups | | | |
| White and Black Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| White and Black African | <input type="checkbox"/> | Black/Black British | |
| White and Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> | African | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Any other Mixed background, write in | <input type="checkbox"/> | Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Any other Black background, write in | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Prefer not to say | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | | Other ethnic group | |
| | | Any other ethnic group, write in | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Do you have a disability or longstanding illness? Please tick one box only:

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Prefer not to say | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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What is your religion? Please tick one box only:

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| No religion | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Buddhist | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Hindu | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Muslim | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Sikh | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Any other religion | <input type="checkbox"/> | Write in | <input type="text"/> |

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| Prefer not to say | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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What is your sexual orientation? Please tick one box only:

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| Bisexual | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lesbian/Gay woman | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Homosexual/Gay man | <input type="checkbox"/> | Heterosexual/straight | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Prefer not to say | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Proposals to update the non-statutory guidance on religious education

This consultation, offers all those involved in education, including teachers, governors, faith/belief communities, parents, employers and young people the opportunity to comment on the proposed update to the religious education sections of the non-statutory guidance of Circular 1/94.

The feedback you provide will be used by the government to help shape the final guidance on religious education.

The survey is nine questions long, across two sections and could take up to 15 minutes to complete, depending on how detailed your responses are.

Before starting the questionnaire you may find it useful to read the draft non-statutory guidance on religious education. This document is available at www.qca.org.uk/curriculumconsultation, or can be obtained by calling the QCA Enquiry line on 020 7509 5556 or by emailing info@qca.org.uk.

If you have any queries about this consultation, or the questionnaire, please email info@qca.org.uk or call QCA's Enquiry line on 020 7509 5556.

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Section 1: The importance of religious education (RE)

Section 2 of the guidance: *Religious education – the legal framework is clear*

Please tick one box only:

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| Strongly agree | |
| Tend to agree | X |
| Tend to disagree | |
| Strongly disagree | |
| Not sure | |

Section 3 of the guidance: *The importance of religious education is clear*

Please tick one box only:

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| Strongly agree | |
| Tend to agree | X |
| Tend to disagree | |
| Strongly disagree | |
| Not sure | |

Section 4 of the guidance: *The Non Statutory National Framework for religious education is clear*

Please tick one box only:

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| Strongly agree | |
| Tend to agree | X |
| Tend to disagree | |
| Strongly disagree | |
| Not sure | |

If you would like, please give reasons for your responses given above

(please limit your answer to around 200 words)

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| <p>Some of our members are concerned that, despite being statutory, RE remains an ‘add-on’ which stands outside of the six areas of learning.</p> |
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Section 2: What you need to know

Section 5 of the guidance: *What Standing Advisory Councils for Religious Education and local authorities need to know is clear*

Please tick one box only:

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| Strongly agree | |
| Tend to agree | X |
| Tend to disagree | |
| Strongly disagree | |
| Not sure | |

Section 6 of the guidance: *What school governors and head teachers need to know is clear*

Please tick one box only:

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| Strongly agree | |
| Tend to agree | X |
| Tend to disagree | |
| Strongly disagree | |
| Not sure | |

Section 7 of the guidance: *What those who manage, plan, teach and support religious education need to know is clear*

Please tick one box only:

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| Strongly agree | |
| Tend to agree | X |
| Tend to disagree | |
| Strongly disagree | |
| Not sure | |

Section 8 of the guidance: *Information on parents' and pupils' entitlement is clear*

Please tick one box only:

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| Strongly agree | |
| Tend to agree | X |
| Tend to disagree | |
| Strongly disagree | |
| Not sure | |

Section 9 of the guidance: *The right of withdrawal is clear*

Please tick one box only:

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| Strongly agree | |
| Tend to agree | X |
| Tend to disagree | |
| Strongly disagree | |
| Not sure | |

Overall, this guidance is likely to help partners to improve the quality of religious education in schools

Please tick one box only:

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| Strongly agree | |
| Tend to agree | |
| Tend to disagree | X |
| Strongly disagree | |
| Not sure | |

If you would like, please give reasons for your responses given above

(please limit your answer to around 200 words)

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| <p>The document contains insufficient guidance to ensure that the quality of RE in school will improve.</p> |
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